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WANSER WINS BY OVER 3,300.

Jersey City Reformers and Republicans are Jubilant To-Day.

This Morning's Fire in the City Hall Was a Small Affair.

The fire which broke out in the City Hall, Jersey City, shortly after 1 o'clock this morning while the election returns were being deposited with City Clerk Scott was not the work of an incendiary nor was it an attempt, as alleged on the part of the most disreputable of the defeated Democrats to destroy the documents proving that they had been vanquished.



Mayor-Elect P. F. Wanser.

The fire was the result of an electric light wire lighting some woodwork and papers near a closet in the Comptroller's office on the second floor, and the only damage sustained was the destruction of some tax collectors' receipts, in addition to a small portion of the office furniture.

The fire was first discovered by Sergt. Cox, who had just stepped out of Police Headquarters, around the corner from City Hall on Montgomery street, on his way home.

"I saw smoke coming out of the wingward of the Comptroller's office," said the sergeant to an Evening World reporter this morning, and at once sent out an alarm. The firemen came promptly, but they did not use any water, as they managed to extinguish the flames in very short order.

"The report that the fire was the work of an incendiary is absurd," said the City Clerk's office, which is on the floor below the Comptroller's office, was filled with citizens, and even if such an attempt had been made it could accomplish nothing. The returns had all been recorded at Police Headquarters and the origin of the fire has been traced to an electric light wire.

The result of the election shows that the Republicans and reformers, headed by Col. Peter F. Wanser, the majority candidate, secured a sweeping victory over the Democrats.

Col. Wanser's election over his Democratic rival, Alan M. Wanser, was a surprise, and it is now only a question of votes making his majority over the latter and his plurality over the field.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon all the returns of the election districts in the six districts had been deposited in the City Clerk's office with the exception of two in the First and Third, and these were missing.

Wanser's majority over the field was 3,300. On the Aldermanic ticket the Republicans secured three out of the six wards, though the Democrats have been made in the Third District, Kelly, Dem.; Second District, Norton, Dem.; Third District, Farley, Dem.; Fourth District, Lohr, Rep.; Fifth District, Salenger, Rep.; Sixth District, Kaiser, Rep.

Only seven votes were cast for the three Democratic candidates, who were independent and Socialist tickets, of which McLaughlin, who bolted from the Democrats to be an independent candidate, received but two.

The result has been a tremendous surprise, not only to the Republicans, who did not figure on a majority above 1,500, but especially to the Democrats, who were expected to win. The new Mayor will assume office May 1.

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Democracy Sweep Hoboken. The charter election in Hoboken was conducted very quietly, the Democrats having about 3,000 majority. The following are the successful candidates:

For Recorder, Frank McDonough, who has held that office for twenty years. Water Commissioners, Henry E. Sudore and Henry Hirtler.

COHOES IS REPUBLICAN.

Setting on Factional Issues Almost Caused a Riot.

THE COHOES REPUBLICANS elect Henry A. Strong Mayor and William H. Leroy Police Commissioner and carry two of the five wards, with a tie on Alderman in another.

The ballot-boxes of the Fourth Ward, which were taken to the police station when special policemen raided the polling places yesterday afternoon, are still held there, but the Republican candidate for Mayor has a plurality of 300, not counting this ward, which is a strong Republican ward.

If the ward should be thrown out, Republicans still elect their city clerk. It is said that one of the chief causes of the police raid and the seizure of the ballot-boxes was a large amount of money bet on whether Gariside or Gorman, the rival Democratic candidates, would receive the larger vote.

The police were under Gorman's control and the inspectors were Gariside men, and when the reports received at the police station of the returns showed that Gariside's vote led Gorman's, to save the Gorman backers' money the raid was made on the Fourth Ward.

The excitement caused by the seizure of the ballot-boxes by special policemen was not confined to the Fourth Ward. The Fifth Ward, where the power and patronage of the Associated Police and Police Station, the public wrath was great and was freely expressed.

At one time the captain of the militia company was asked to lead his men to the police station, but he was refused.

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FIERCE FIGHT WITH FIRE AT SEA.

Frantic Cattle Added to the Terror on the Steamship Main.

The Vessel Finally Beached and Sunk by Cannon Balls.

Advices received in this city to-day tell of the total destruction by fire of the steamship Main, which formerly was in the passenger service between this port and Bremen.

The Maine, in charge of Capt. Brown, left New Orleans March 1 for Liverpool with 257 head of cattle, 4,097 bales of cotton, 1,024 bales of corn, 1,270 sacks of cotton-seed, 700 barrels of molasses, and other merchandise, all valued at \$235,000.

Fire broke out in the hold March 24 and soon gained rapid headway. The captain and crew fought the fire stubbornly, but despite their efforts it continued to gain on them.

From the hold the flames spread to the deck, and an indescribable scene of confusion prevailed when the cattle fell on the approaching fire.

Maddened by the suffocating smoke and smarting from burns of the licking tongues of fire, the cattle pulled at their fastenings and belched with pain.

The crew worked hard to keep the cattle from breaking loose, for they knew if the beasts once got beyond control they would trample to death by the crazed animals.

Two hundred and forty head of cattle, 112 bales of cotton and 700 bales of cottonseed were got off. A Spanish artillery company came down to the beach, and training their guns on the burning vessel sent thirty cannon balls through her hull.

This let in the water, sinking her and extinguishing the fire. The vessel was later made to raise her and save the cargo, but she broke in two, and sinking in the sand became a total loss with her cargo.

The Maine was formerly owned by the North German Lloyd Company, and held the record from Southampton to New York, her time being 8 days 20 hours. She was sold three years ago.

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STIFLING THE BILL.

Country Legislators Turned Against the Speedway Repeal.

Maps and Arguments in the Assembly Smoking-Room.

Horse-Breeders from All Parts of the State Became Lobbyists.

ALBANY, April 13.—Tight rumors have accompanied the delay in bringing up for passage in the Assembly the Central Park Speedway bill.

The bill, giving that party the control of the State, has been in Albany but only a few days, and the country members, lobbying in the smoking-room of the Assembly and in the hotel corridors.

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They laid the fire trap, and showed bits of scenery and natural effects that no landscape gardener could ever duplicate.

The gentlemen from the rural districts glanced carefully at the plans. They grew suddenly interested when asked to step over into the corner by the window.

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Ask them what argument they heard in the smoking-room and they tell you that the Secretary of their county agricultural society has urged them to do all they can to get a race track in Central Park.

It is significant that while the smoking-room was turned into a headquarters for lobbyist six or seven New York horse-owners were very active and very anxious in their efforts to get country members into that same room.

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HARRIOTT'S HANGED.

Mrs. Leonard's Murderer Executed in Freehold Jail.

The Drop Fell at 10.20 and Death Was Almost Instantaneous.

His Fiendish Killing of His Employer's Beautiful Wife.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 13.—Louis Harriott, alias Albert, the murderer of Mrs. Anna T. Leonard, of Atlantic Highlands, was hanged in the Monmouth County Jail this morning by Hangman James Van Hise, of Newark.

The drop fell at 10.20 a. m. There was no hitch in the proceedings, nor any horror, as had been feared up to the last moment. The doomed man, who had been on the verge of a collapse all the morning, suddenly braced up when Sheriff Smock came to his cell after him and walked steadily to the scaffold beside his spiritual adviser.

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Deserve Success and You Shall Command It.

WOOLSON HAS RESIGNED.

Gives Up, Under Fire, the Park Gardenership.

Superintendent Gardener Geo. C. Woolson, of Central Park, whose management has been under investigation by the Commissioners of Accounts, and against whom very damaging charges have been made by witnesses, sent his resignation to President Gallup, of the Park Board, this morning.

Witnesses accused Mr. Woolson of incompetence and testimony was given that he used his position to enrich himself at the city's expense.

It was alleged that he ordered plants destroyed, and had them replaced by others from his private nurseries, and for which he charged the city exorbitant prices.

At the Park Board meeting, Woolson's resignation was accepted, and the Commissioners of Accounts recommending the dismissal of Landscape Architect Vaux was referred to Commissioner Dana for action.

An offer from Barnum & Bailey to lend the city an elephant and three lion cubs and a wolf was referred to Commissioner Tappen. He will prepare an agreement to be signed before the animals are ordered to the city.

Secretary Burns presented the inventory of the Central Park Menagerie. It shows a slight discrepancy from that made by ex-Director Conklin.

Plans for the aquarium in Castle Garden were discussed, and a committee, which has been formed, was asked to furnish suggestions for the same.

In open session a resolution was passed asking the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate \$141,500 to build the retaining wall on Riverside Park below One Hundred and Nineteenth street.

Sup. Parsons testified to-day before the Commissioners of Accounts, denying any connection with the firm of J. E. Parsons & Son, which has been supplying the city with plants and seeds through Tardura & Co., that he ever ordered particular kinds of plants and seeds raised only by his father's nursery.

He also denied all knowledge of Woolson's connection with a private nursery which has been furnishing the city with shrubs and other nursery supplies at big prices.

Regarding his partnership with Landscape Architect Vaux he said that ten years ago, before he was superintendent of the park, he had a partnership with Vaux in the painting of the park, for which he received half of Vaux's salary.

That partnership ceased when the witness became an employee of the city. He considered Vaux a competent man, one of the best landscape architects in the country. In conclusion he denied that he ever used his official position for private gain.

SUICIDE IN A CAFE. A Well-Dressed Woman's End in Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 13.—Mrs. Collins, of No. 610 Master street, Philadelphia, committed suicide to-day by taking poison in a restaurant in this city. She was forty-five years of age, a widow and was respectively dressed.

She entered the restaurant and after seating herself at the table became ill. Dr. Armstrong, who was summoned, found that she had swallowed Paris green. He did all he could to save her life, but without success. She died in agony.

Country Physician James will hold a post-mortem this afternoon.

Ex-Senator McCann Buried. Ex-Senator McCann, for years the Master Mechanic at Central Park, was buried to-day at Cypress Hill, from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas A. Fee, 200 West Sixty-third street.

EX-POLICEMAN WEST HELD. He is Charged with Beating a Customer in His Sal.

EX-POLICEMAN Schuyler West, who is at present proprietor of a saloon at Police Bar, and the Bowery, was in the Tombs Court this morning charged with assaulting George Slater, who said that he had been badly beaten by West without any apparent cause. West denied the assault, and brought a couple of witnesses to clear him. Justice McMahon, however, held him for trial.

Arrived at this Port To-Day. St. Paul (Tex.), Frank, Steiner March 22. St. Elmo (Tex.), Van Hook, Bremen April 2. St. Albans, Laus, Calverton April 2.

The J. Chr. St. Daniel Brewing Co. Schenectady, N. Y., and also other. 229 E. 22nd St.

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BYRNES IN COMMAND.

The New Superintendent Passes the Civil-Service Test.

He is Sworn Into Office and Makes a Speech.

Inspector Steers Now Head of the Detective Bureau.

Thomas Byrnes was sworn in this morning as superintendent of Police. He passed the civil-service examination, and it is a curious fact that he had more to say about it than any one else, for he is Chief Examiner of the local Civil-Service Board.

It is not generally believed, however, that the superintendent, should any favoritism towards himself on this account. In fact, he prepared, it is said, one of the stiffest papers ever presented to a Superintendent of Police in New York City.

Supt. Byrnes was at his office in Police Headquarters shortly after 9 o'clock this morning taking a general survey of the situation.

He received a number of callers, among them many old friends on the force and some outsiders, who had no opportunity to congratulate him yesterday upon his promotion.

The new superintendent received them all cordially and expressed his gratification at the action taken yesterday by the Police Commission.

He then slipped away and went to the civil-service rooms in Cooper Union. Secretary Lee Phillips and Chief Bonner, of the Fire Department, were waiting for him.

The three locked themselves in the board-room, and the Chief Inspector under went the examination for the position of Superintendent of Police.

The candidate was examined in the following branches: Writing from dictation, handwriting, knowledge of the "Rules and Regulations," fines and penalties last three years, arrests for last twelve months, veracity.

Byrnes is a man of average height, and energy, coolness and judgment in emergencies. Deportment towards citizens. Character for maintaining discipline among subordinates. Physical condition, including activity and endurance. Knowledge of laws and ordinances governing his duties. Memory for persons, places, dates and general knowledge of localities. United States Infantry tactics, and Manual of the use of the club, as authorized by the Department. Fidelity and promptitude in the performance of duty.

The percentage with which Supt. Byrnes passed the examination, Chief Bonner has the papers. Supt. Byrnes then returned to Police Headquarters, had a brief interview with President Martin and went alone before Chief Clerk Kirk and signed the oath of office.

Supt. Byrnes made a statement to the public of his promotion to the Superintendent, saying:

"Having been chosen by unanimous vote of my superiors, the Police Commissioners, as Superintendent of Police to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of my old friend and associate, William J. Mumford, I am deeply indebted to them for the confidence and honor they have placed in me. I am fully conscious of the magnitude of the duties which I am called upon to perform, and I am determined to do my best to discharge them to the satisfaction of my superiors and the public."

"I cannot do this, however, without expressing my appreciation of the confidence and trust which has been placed in me by my superiors, and I am determined to do my best to discharge them to the satisfaction of my superiors and the public."

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